Catherine Dorau

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, March 1, 2018 5:10 PM

To:

Dave Battista; Todd Dumais; Catherine Dorau

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David Stoner (dsco@davidstoner.com) (dsco@davidstoner.com); Benjamin Stoner

(ben@davidstoner.com)

Subject:

Re: Tree Removal - 54 Sunset Farm Road

Todd please use this email as my request when presenting to the committee on Tuesday. Again I would be happy to replace removed trees with like species after reviewing with you. Let me know if you need anything else for the meeting. Thank you for your help.

Robert Savin

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On Mar 1, 2018, at 3:45 PM, Dave Battista < battista@lenard-eng.com > wrote:

Hello Robert:

I met on-site today with your building contractor, David Stoner, and your site contractor,
Tim Parylak, to review tree clearing limits along the easterly property line. Brian Denno, L.S. had staked
the easterly property lines and centerline of the level-spreader swale prior to my visit. Based on the
surveyor's stakes, I confirmed that two trees lie in the way of level spreader construction. The first of
these two trees is an 18-inch diameter ash tree located near your northeasterly property corner. The
second tree is an 18-inch diameter maple located near the easterly property line. Both trees will
interfere with construction of the level spreader. I recommend that you seek the Town's blessings to
remove both trees so that the level spreader can be constructed as designed. Below, I describe each
tree and provide justification for removal. I have attached an excerpt from the site plan showing the
location of both trees for your reference.

1. 18" Ash: This tree is located in the northeast corner of your lot and is severely leaning to the southwest. The base of the tree lies at the north end of the level-spreader swale at its centerline. I note that this tree was scheduled for removal on the approved site plan. Also, Arborist Evan Powell of McLellen Tree Service recommended removal of this tree in his February 27, 2018 letter. I understand that you have already approached the West Hartford Wetland Agency to confirm permission to remove this tree. I trust that the agency will see fit to approve your request. In my opinion, they have already approved the removal because it was shown on

the plan that they approved on January 3rd. Also, the professional advice offered by Evan Powell provides ample justification for removal.

2. 18" Maple: During our site walk today, we came upon an 18" maple tree at a point about 13 feet west of the easterly property line and about 62 feet south of the northerly property line. This tree lies outside of the project clearing limits as interpreted by the Town land-use staff. I believe that this is the same tree mislabeled as an 18" Oak on the site plan. The tree is in good condition. The approved site plan calls for this tree to be preserved, based on the location provided to me at the time of site plan preparation. However, the actual location of this tree is several feet away from the plan location and it falls directly in the center of the level-spreader swale. On the attached excerpt, I colored the site plan location in pink and the actual location in yellow. The presence of this tree in the level-spreader swale will interfere with excavation work. Avoidance of excavation near the tree will adversely impact successful operation of the level spreader.

Options include removing the tree or realigning the level spreader so that it bypasses the tree. Due to lack of space in this area of the site, realignment of the level spreader will result in the need to reconfigure the detention basin. In turn, reconfiguration of the detention basin will require formal amendments to the approved site plan, drainage calculations, and wetlands agency approval. Having experienced the approval process on this project, I understand the importance of each and every tree near the easterly property line. However, in this case, removal of the subject 18" maple (along with any reasonable mitigation required by the Town) presents the most feasible and prudent alternative available to you. I recommend that you seek approval from the wetland agency to remove this tree.

I reviewed these recommendations with Todd Dumais and Catherine Dorau of the West Hartford Planning Department. They suggested that you formally amend your pending request to the West Hartford Wetlands Agency to include removal of the 18" maple. Removal of the leaning ash tree is already included in your pending request.

Lastly, I wish to confirm that there are no other trees along the easterly boundary that will interfere with level spreader construction. We reviewed construction staking for the entire level spreader and found no other conflicts.

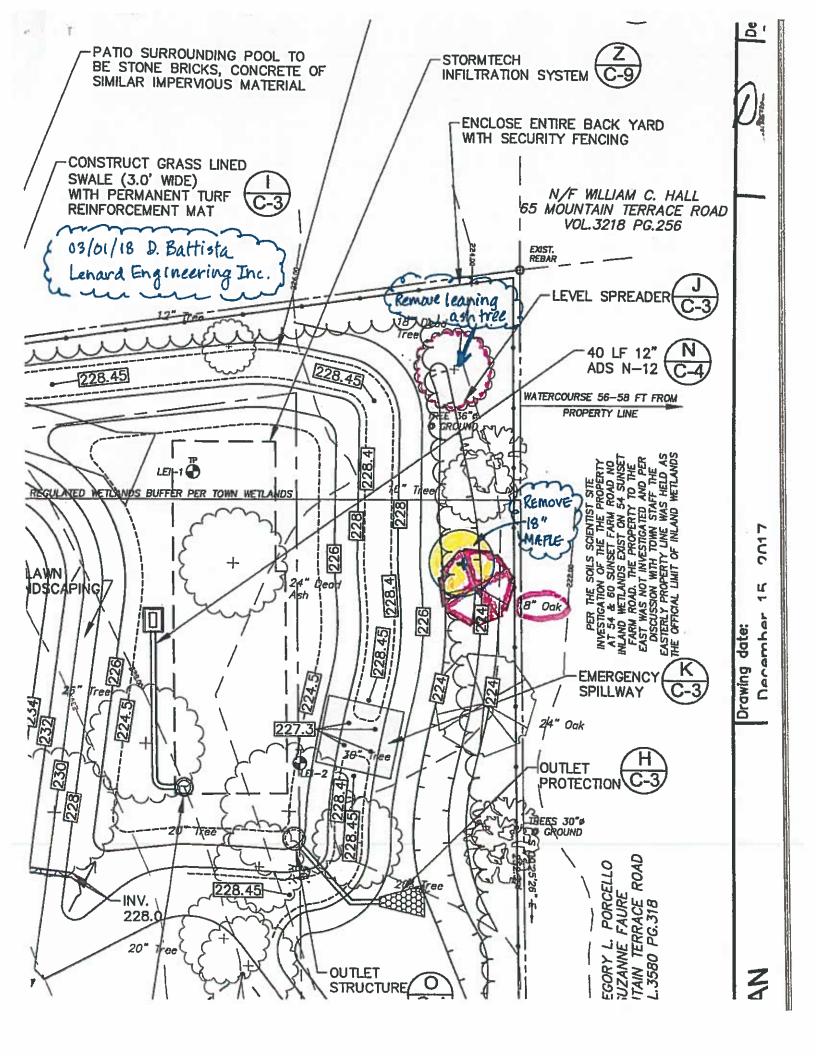
Regards,

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<2018-0301 Tree Removal Sketch.pdf>



Catherine Dorau

Subject:

54 Sunset Farm Road - Dangerous Trees

From: Robert Savin [mailto:rsavin@savinbrands.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 11:54 AM

To: David Stoner <dsco@davidstoner.com>; Todd Dumais <Todd.Dumais@WestHartfordCT.gov>; Catherine Dorau

<cdorau@WestHartfordCT.gov>; Benjamin Stoner <ben@davidstoner.com>

Subject: RE: Dangerous Trees

Todd please use this email as conformation that I will replace these trees with similar native species if the committee allows. Thanks,

Robert Savin

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From: David Stoner [mailto:dsco@davidstoner.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 11:20 AM

To: Todd Dumais < Todd. Dumais@WestHartfordCT.gov >; Catherine Dorau < cdorau@WestHartfordCT.gov >; Robert Savin

<rsavin@savinbrands.com>; Benjamin Stoner <ben@davidstoner.com>

Subject: FW: Dangerous Trees

Hi Todd,

Attached is the report and pictures from the Arborist base on our meeting on Monday for you to present at the Meeting this coming Monday.

Regards, David

From: Candi Motuzick [mailto:candimclellantree@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:39 PM
To: David Stoner < dsco@davidstoner.com >
Cc: Rob Gagne < robmclellantree@comcast.net >

Subject: Dangerous Trees

Please see attached Arborist Letter and images

Candi Motuzick Business Manager McLellan Tree Service Inc. 860-678-9072 Office 860-261-7755 Fax





February 27, 2018

Dave Stoner

Re: Dangerous Trees

Attached photos 1 & 2: Leaning Ash tree; The tree has started to up-root and is unsafe. There is no Corrective action for this tree and should not be in someone's backyard.

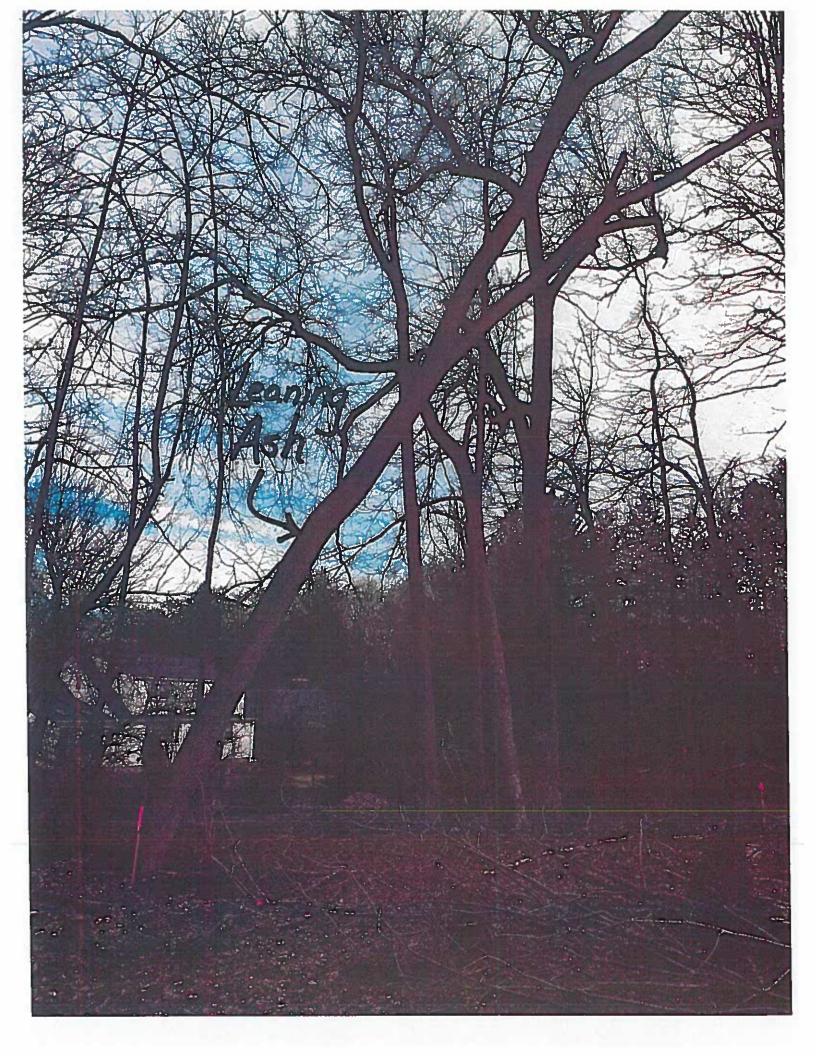
Attached Photo Hickory: this is in Decline and also should be removed

Attached photo Maple tree: due to the rot of this tree and the close proximity of the house to be built, this tree should be removed.

Sincerely;

Evan Powell/Licensed Arborist





Hickory

